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Mershon Center Special Event

A NEW COLD WAR?

"Politics, Policies, and Consequences"

Tuesday, April 07, 2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43212

[Register for this event here.](#)

Overview

Following the annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation in early 2014, the crisis in Ukraine persists as fighting between the army and pro-Russian separatist rebels continues. The European Union and United States have responded by announcing new sanctions against Russia and negotiating a ceasefire, which was violated just five days after its inception. The outcome of the conflict remains to be seen, though the issues at hand, including economic trade and arms control difficulties, are reminiscent of former conflicts between Russia and the West. This calls to question, should this recent collapse in relations be considered "a New Cold War"?

This panel will feature a discussion between Richard Herrmann, Gerry Hudson, and Dakota Rudesill regarding the situation in Ukraine, key challenges, and options for U.S. policy going forward.

Panelists

Richard Herrmann is Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Political Science. He directed the Mershon Center for International Security Studies from 2002-10. Herrmann has written widely on security affairs, international relations and foreign policy. Besides his scholarship, Herrmann also has a wealth of practical experience. From 1989-91, he was a member of Secretary of State James Baker's policy planning staff at the U.S. Department of State. From 1992-95, he worked with the U.S. Information Agency to hold conflict resolution seminars and policy-makers from India, Pakistan, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Algeria, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United States. For a full bio, [please click here.](#)

Gerry Hudson taught political science at Wittenberg University from 1972 to 2012, where he also served as director and founder of the Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Program. His Wittenberg teaching duties included offering classes on Russian politics, Russian foreign policy, general comparative politics, and international organizations. In addition to teaching at Wittenberg, he has also taught at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and The Ohio State University. Hudson has been affiliated with the Mershon Center since 1974, participating in a number of seminars and book projects, serving as editor and contributor to *Soviet National Security Policy Under Perestroika*, and co-editor (with Joseph Kruzel) of *American Defense Annual, 1985-86*. For a full bio, [please click here.](#)



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Dakota Rudesill joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and became an affiliate of the Mershon Center in 2013. Rudesill is a scholar and practitioner of legislation and national security law and policy. Three areas of emphasis in Rudesill's work throughout his career have been arms control (and especially nuclear weapons), the federal budget, and the experiential "learning-by-doing" training of professionals. With support from the Mershon Center, Rudesill directs The Ohio State National Security Crisis Simulation. This immersive annual exercise places Ohio State students from law, policy, intelligence, and media programs in their respective roles as they confront a rolling series of crises in real time over two days. For a full bio, [please click here](#).

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